

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/062,970	JONES ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
Leigh C. Maier	1623

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1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 9/27/04 and interview.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 21.
3. The drawings filed on 01 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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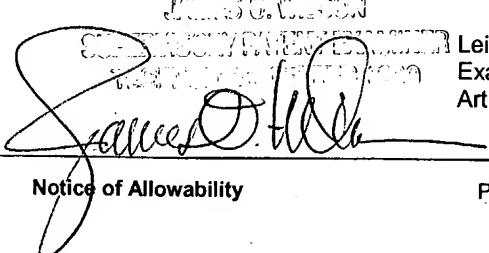
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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date 11/12/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 12/17/04.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tom Anderton on December 14, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-20 and 22-42.

Claim 21, line 3: delete “-O- β -Gal.”

Claim 21, bridging lines 3-4: delete “-O- α -Glc, -O- α -Man, -O-Lac.”

Claims 21, lines 4-7: delete “-O- α -Glc(Ac)₂, -O- α -Glc(Ac)₃, -O- α -Glc(Ac)₄, -O- β -Glc(Ac)₂, -O- β -Glc(Ac)₃, -O- β -Glc(Ac)₄, -O- α -Man(Ac)₃, -O- α -Man(Ac)₄, -O- β -Gal(Ac)₃, -O- β -Gal(Ac)₄, -O-Lac(Ac)₅, -O-Lac(Ac)₆, or -O-Lac(Ac)₇.”

Claim 21, line 4: after “- β -Glc(Ac)₄,” insert -- Et- β -Gal, -Et- α -Glc, -Et- α -Man, -Et-Lac, -Et- α -Glc(Ac)₂, -Et- α -Glc(Ac)₃, -Et- α -Glc(Ac)₄, -Et- β -Glc(Ac)₂, -Et- β -Glc(Ac)₃, -Et- β -Glc(Ac)₄, -Et- α -Man(Ac)₃, -Et- α -Man(Ac)₄, -Et- β -Gal(Ac)₃, -Et- β -Gal(Ac)₄, -Et-Lac(Ac)₅, -Et-Lac(Ac)₆, or -Et-Lac(Ac)₇. -- .

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 21 is allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: BERGLUND et al (Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett., 1996) teaches the preparation of thiosulfonates for the chemical modification of enzymes. The reference does not teach or fairly suggest the preparation of the instant glycomethanesulfonates.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims drawn to inventions non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-20 and 22-42 have been cancelled.

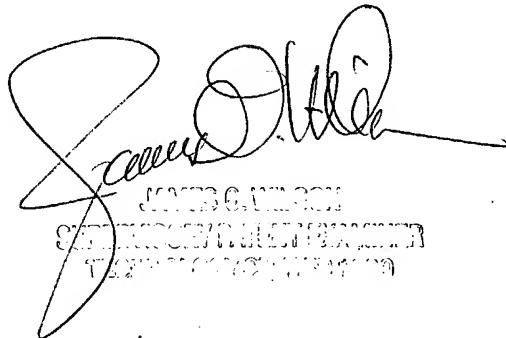
Examiner's hours, phone & fax numbers

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leigh Maier whose telephone number is (571) 272-0656. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 to 3:30 (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson (571) 272-0661, may be contacted. The fax number for Group 1600, Art Unit 1623 is (703) 872-9306.

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